Item No. 10: *Irrigation Management Policy*

i) The Conference broadly agrees with the thrust of the policy on proper management of irrigation systems for the optimal use of water and the guidelines regarding operation and maintenance, conjunctive use, drainage, farmers' participation, maintenance grants, water rates, training, etc., because it will help saving water while increasing productivity. Application of proven technologies like sprinkler, drip etc., which also carry substantial incentives are recommended for acceptance.

ii) The Conference recommends that the policy be finalised at an early date under the auspices of the National Water Resources Council.

Completion of on-going irrigation projects in M.P.

2998. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of on-going water projects-major; medium, minor and flood protection are still pending completion in the State of Madhya Pradesh with details thereof;

(b) what action Government propose to take for the timely completion of these projects;

(c) whether any special funds have been earmarked for their completion during the Eighth plan period, and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V.C. SHUKLA): (a) and (b) 28 Major, 50 medium and 4 Modernisation Projects in Madhya Pradesh estimated to cost Rs. 7262 crores, Rs. 924 crores and Rs. 116 crores respectively spilled into VIII Plan. Their Spillover cost into VIII Plan is Rs. 5237 crores, Rs. 378 crores and Rs. 100 crores respectively. Keeping in view that thrust in VIII Plan has to be on completion of on-going projects Planning Commission has approved on outlay of Rs. 1345 crores Rs. 234 crores and Rs. 46 crores respectively for Major, Medium and modernisation Projects during the VIII Plan. While details of Minor Irrigation Schemes are not maintained at the *Centre, 30 flood control works with a* liablility of Rs. 4.08 crores have spilled into VIII Plan for which full provision has been made.

(c) No, Sir;

(d) Does not arise;

Tribal Development Projects for Irrigation Development in M.P.

2999. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared integrated tribal development projects for irrigation development in Tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh whose 23 percent population is of Tribals;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the funds which have been allocated for these projects during the Eighth Five Year Plan with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V.C. SHUKLA): (a) to (c) Tribal Sub-Plan concept formulated in V Plan also covers Madhya Pradesh. In all 28 Irrigation Projects with an ultimate irrigation potential of 1,55,400 hectares have been included in the Tribal Sub-Plan of the State. Ten Projects with an ultimate irrigation potential of 17,500 hectares have been completed. Twelve Projects with an

ultimate irrigation potential of 1,05,700 hectares spilled over into VIII Plan and an outlay of Rs. 129.27 crores has been made for them in the VIII Plan. Remaining six projects with an ultimate irrigation potential of 32,200 hectares are new projects for which no provision exists in the VIII Plan.

Grant for Irrigation Schemes to States

3000. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government propose to enhance grant for irrigation schemes to all the States: and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V.C. SHUKLA): (a) and (b) Central assistance to State is provided in the outlays for States plan as a whole and not separately for a sector like irrigation, except in respect of certain projects such as Sutlaj-Yamuna Link Canal works. Therefore, the question of enhancing grants for irrigation does not arise. However, grants for the construction of Indira Gandhi Nahar Project under the Border Areas Development Programme for the year 1992-93 have been increased by Rs. 10 crores.

Formulation of the Proposal for the VIIIth Five Year Plan

3001. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting with representatives of all States to identify the newly emerging concerns and expectations of the Ministry for formulating the proposals of the VIIIth Plan was held in August, 1991;

(b) if so, the names of the States who represented in the said meeting;

(c) whether the said meeting was also attended by the representatives of Uttar Pradesh;

(d) if so, details of suggestions received from Uttar Pradesh in the meeting;

(e) whether Government have taken any action on these suggestions; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V.C. SHUKLA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, a series of State/Union Territory-wise meetings with the Members of Parliament were held in August and September, 1991 to ascertain their views for the development of water resources in their respective States. All the States and Union Territories were represented in the said meetings. The meeting with the Members of Parliament of Uttar Pradesh was held on 5th September, 1991.

(d) to (f) The suggestions received from the Members of Parliament from Uttar Pradesh were mostly for expeditions clearance of pending water resources projects, construction and modernisation of States public tubewells, allocation of adequate funds for development of irrigation in their respective constituencies. The Ministry of Environment and Forests have been requested to evolve appropriate mechanisms for early clearance of projects from forest and environment angles.

Constitution of Central Ground Water Board

3002. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Ground Water Board has been constituted;

(b) if so, the terms of reference of this Board;